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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X =	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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In re: Application of
Philip M. Snider et al.

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Serial No.: 09/586,648
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Docket No.: 200007 USA

For: Method and System for Performing Operations and for Improving Production in
Wells

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Request for Interference under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a)

Applicants respectfully request, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 that an interference be declared between the above-captioned application and U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 which issued on December 25, 2001 and was filed on March 28, 2000.

Claims 1-6, 10-14, 18-23, 30-34, 37-42 and 48 contained in U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 were copied into the pending application as claims 76-104 via a Preliminary Amendment filed December 20, 2002. While applicants believe that the claims that had been pending prior to the Dec. 20, 2002 amendment, included claims to the same invention, the claims of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 were copied to insure that the application met the one year time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 135(b). The amendment filed on December 20, 2002 identified U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 as the patent from which the added claims had been copied and the amendment identified written support in the application for each of the copied claims.

Accompanying this Request for Interference is an Amendment that cancels a majority of the claims that were previously copied from U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1, leaving only claims 83-86, which correspond to claims 11-14 of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1, and additional claims, claims 105-138, that clearly set forth the invention that is being claimed by both parties. Written support in the above-captioned application for all of the currently pending claims is set forth in Claim Chart B attached to the Amendment.

As explained in the accompanying Amendment, the claims that were copied and have now been canceled, claims 76-82 and 87-104, are not patentable to the inventors of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 in light of the teachings of at least U.S. Patent Nos. 6,434,649 B1, 6,359,569 B2, 6,481,505 B2 or 6,497,280 B2, all of which have an earlier effective U.S. filing date than U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1, and as such are available as prior art under 35. U.S.C. § 102(e).

Applicants propose as a first count, claim 105 of the present application which claims the same invention as claim 11 U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1, or pending claim 83 of the present application, which is claim 11 of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 written in independent form. In addition, Applicants' currently pending claims 83-86 and 106-138, as well as claims 12-14 U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1, as well as claims 25 and 29 of U.S. Patent 6,333,699 B1 (to which priority is claimed in the pending application), should be designated as corresponding to the count, because they are drawn to the same invention as the indicated count. Applicants further submit that they are entitled to senior party status because of their earlier effective filing date of April 6, 1999 when compared to the filing date of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 (March 28, 2000). Thus, Applicants at least have provided an earlier constructive reduction to practice of the same invention claimed in at least claim 11 of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1. Claim 11 of

U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 is presented as independent claim 83 in the pending application. See the accompanying amendment.

With respect to the assertion of an earlier effective filing date, Applicants point to Chart A attached to the accompanying Amendment, which sets forth points of written support in the earlier-filed specification for the proposed count (pending claim 105 or pending claim 83) and the majority of the pending claims that correspond to the proposed count, the parent application having been issued as U.S. Patent 6,333,699 B1. The listed support in Chart A is not an exhaustive list of the points of disclosure of the claim features in the earlier filed disclosure. With respect to pending claim 83, which is claim 11 of U.S. Patent 6,333,700 B1 written in independent form, Applicant's earlier filed disclosure does not contain specific written support for the limitations in step (b) that specify that a downhole structure comprising an RF receiver unit "decode the signal to determine the identification code corresponding thereto and compare the identification code to a preset target identification code." Applicant's earlier disclosure clearly teaches decoding the signal and comparing the identification code to a preset target identification code. See column 9, lines 23-27 and 40-67 and column 10, lines 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,333,699 B1. The specific downhole embodiment of the RF receiver unit *per se* being configured to accomplish the operations of decoding and comparing is not, however, specifically disclosed in the earlier filed application (now U.S. Patent 6,333,699 B1). Applicants submit that an embodiment in which these operations are performed in the circuitry of the downhole receiver unit, as opposed to the specified embodiment of the decoding and comparing steps being conducted in the circuitry of a computer located at the surface, is an obvious variation of the generic invention first disclosed by applicants. The mechanisms for modifying the circuitry of an RF receiver unit to additionally perform the functions of decoding and comparing were well established, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious in March of 2000 to modify the location of the required microprocessor unit from the

surface to the receiver unit *per se*. Similarly, with respect to the limitations in pending claims 118, 119, 120, 122, 123, 131 and 137. These claims correspond to the count because they are not drawn to a patentably distinct invention. The disclosure of the parent application does not contain specific written support for these limitations. These limitations constitute obvious variations of the count, however. The limitations involve spacing a tool from a reader assembly by a selected distance, multiple tools and operations, transportation of a tool in a well by free falling, and specific recitation of a detonator for a perforating tool that is in signal communication with a reader assembly each of which one of ordinary skill in the art would have considered obvious in light of the general knowledge of the skilled artisan.

Applicants' respectfully request that the Examining Group as well as the members of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences handle this request with the "special dispatch" accorded this situation by 37 C.F. R. § 1.607(b).

Applicants' respectfully request that the appropriate official in the Examining Group provide patentee Thomeer et al., who assigned the patent to Schlumberger Technology Corporation, with notice of this request as provided by the provisions of 37 C.F. R. § 1.607(d).

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INTERFERENCE INITIAL MEMORANDUM

To the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences:

An interference is proposed involving the following 2 parties

PARTY Snider et al.	APPLICATION NO. 09/586,648	FILING DATE June 1, 2000	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
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If the involved case is a patent, have its maintenance fees been paid? Yes _____ No _____ Not due yet _____

Proposed priority benefit (list all intervening applications necessary for continuity):

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY
United States	09/286,650	April 6, 1999	6,333,699 B1	Dec. 25, 2001
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The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
Claims 83-86 and 105-138 of 09/586,648 and claims 25 and 29 of U.S. 6,333,699 B1			NONE	

The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
NONE			NONE	
PARTY Thomeer et al.	APPLICATION NO. 09/536,953	FILING DATE March 28, 2000	PATENT NO., IF ANY 6,333,700 B1	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY Dec. 25, 2001

If the involved case is a patent, have its maintenance fees been paid? Yes _____ No _____ Not due yet X

Proposed priority benefit (list all intervening applications necessary for continuity):

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	PATENT NO., IF ANY	ISSUE DATE, IF ANY

The claim(s) of this party corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
11-14			Not applicable	

The claim(s) of this party NOT corresponding to this count:

PATENTED OR PATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS			UNPATENTABLE PENDING CLAIMS	
1-10 and 15-48			Not applicable	

(Check off each step, if applicable) INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Obtain all files listed above.
- 2. Confirm that the proposed involved claims are still active and all corrections and entered amendments have been considered. The patents must not be expired for, among other things, failure to pay a maintenance fee (Check PALM screen 2970).
- 3. If one of the involved files is a published application or a patent, check for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 135(b).
- 4. Obtain a certified copy of any foreign benefit documents where necessary (37 CFR 1.55(a)).
- 5. Discuss the proposed interference with an Interference Practice Specialist in your Technology Center.

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Claim Chart AAttachment to Preliminary Amendment dated 09/12/2003 to U.S. patent application serial no. 09/586,648

Claim	Specification Support in U.S. Patent No. 6,333,699
83. A method for actuating or installing downhole equipment in a wellbore, comprising the steps of:	Column 5, line 66 – column 6, line 2; column 8, lines 7-16; Figs. 1 & 2
(a) providing, a first downhole structure that comprises an RF identification transmitter unit	Column 2, lines 28-31; column 6, lines 2-6; column 8, lines 22-47; column 13, lines 62-67; claims 1, 11; Fig. 2
that stores an identification code and transmits an RF signal corresponding to the identification code,	Column 19, lines 1-16
wherein a plurality of first downhole structures are located at different depths in a wellbore, each of the first downhole structures comprises a tubular member having a hollow axial bore therethrough and the RF identification transmitter unit secured thereto;	Column 1, lines 17-20; column 2, lines 31 & 32; column 7, lines 8-13; column 9, line 46 – column 10, line 25; column 13, line 67 – column 14, line 7
(b) providing a second downhole structure that comprises an RF receiver unit,	Column 5, line 66 – column 6, line 2; column 8, lines 7-16; Figs. 1 & 2
that can receive the signal transmitted by the identification transmitter unit,	Column 9, lines 46-67
decode the signal to determine the identification code corresponding thereto and compare the identification code to a preset target identification code;	Column 5, line 66 – column 6, line 2; column 8, lines 7-16; Figs. 1 & 2
wherein one of the first downhole structure and the second downhole structure is secured at a given location in a subterranean wellbore, and the other is moveable in the wellbore;	Column 1, lines 27-30; column 8, lines 7-16; Figs. 1, 2
	Column 9, lines 28-30 and 46-50; Figs. 1, 2

Claim Chart A

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Claim	Specification Support in U.S. Patent No. 6,333,699
(c) placing the second downhole structure in close enough proximity to the first downhole structure so that the RF receiver unit can receive the RF signal transmitted by the RF identification transmitter unit;	Column 2, lines 33-36; column 8, lines 21, 22 and 48-62; column 9, lines 18-27 claims 1, 11; Figs. 1, 2
(d) comparing the identification code determined by the RF receiver unit to the target identification code,	Column 9, line 46 – column 10, line 25
the determined identification code is used to determine the depth of the second downhole structure in the borehole; and	Column 9, line 46 – column 10, line 25; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7
(e) if the determined identification code matches the target identification code, actuating or installing one of the first downhole structure or second downhole structure in physical proximity to the other.	Column 9, line 46 – column 10, line 25; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7
84. The method of claim 83, wherein the plurality of tubular members are joints of completion tubing that are attached end to end.	Column 14, lines 8-14
85. The method of claim 84, wherein each identification transmitter is secured near one end of the respective joint of completion tubing.	Column 8, lines 22-26; column 12, lines 34-36; column 14, lines 8-14; Figs. 1, 3
86. The method of claim 83, wherein second downhole structure is a perforating gun, and the determined depth is used to determine when to fire the gun.	Column 9, lines 46-67; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7
105. A method of performing a operation in a well comprising: transporting a tool and a reader assembly through a well having a plurality of radio identification devices capable of transmitting a unique signal to identify each of the plurality of radio identification devices and the depth thereof in the well; and	Column 1, lines 25-27 and 36-39; column 9, lines 46-67 Column 8, lines 16-20; column 9, lines 28-36 and 46-50; claims 1, 11; Fig. 1
	Column 2, lines 28-31; column 6, lines 2-6; column 8, lines 22-47; column 13, lines 62-67; claims 1, 11; Fig. 2
	Column 1, lines 17-20; column 2, lines 31 & 32; column 7, lines 8-13; column 9, line 46 – column 10, line 25; column 13, line 67 – column 14, line 7

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Claim	Specification Support in U.S. Patent No. 6,333,699
controlling at least one operation of the tool responsive to the reader assembly locating one of the plurality of radio identification devices which is located at a depth in the well appropriate for conducting the at least one operation.	Column 9, lines 46-67; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7
106. The method of claim 105 wherein a plurality of tubular elements are positioned in the well and the tool and the reader assembly are transported through the plurality of tubular elements	Column 8, lines 7-16; Figs. 1, 2
and each of the plurality of radio identification devices are secured to separate tubular elements.	Column 8, lines 16-20; column 9, lines 46-50
107. The method of claim 106 wherein the plurality of tubular elements define well casing.	Column 6, lines 2-6; column 8, lines 22-26; column 9, lines 46-50 column 14, lines 7-14
108. The method of claim 106 wherein the controlling step is performed by transmitting a control signal from the reader assembly to the tool.	Column 9, lines 46-63; column 13, line 67 – column 14, line 7
109. The method of claim 106 wherein the controlling step is performed dynamically as the tool is transported through the plurality of tubular elements.	Column 9, lines 46-56; column 13, line 67 – column 14, line 7
110. The method of claim 106 wherein the controlling step is performed statically by stopping the tool proximate to said one of the plurality of radio identification devices.	Column 9, lines 10-18; column 13, line 67 – column 14, line 7
111. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool is a perforating tool and the operation is a perforating operation.	Column 9, lines 46-67; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7; Figs. 1, 2
112. The method of claim 110 wherein the controlling step includes detonating the perforating tool responsive to a control signal from the reader assembly.	Column 9, lines 46-67; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7; Figs. 1, 2
113. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool comprises a packer setting tool and the operation is setting of a packer element using the packer setting tool.	Column 2, lines 26-42; column 6, lines 2-6; column 8, lines 16-20; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7; Figs. 1, 2

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114. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool comprises a bridge plug setting tool and the operation is setting of a bridge plug using a bridge plug setting tool.	Column 2, lines 26-42; column 6, lines 2-6; column 8, lines 16-20; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7; Figs. 1, 2
115. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step is performed using a transport mechanism selected from the group consisting of wire lines, pumps, blowers, parachutes, coil tubing and tubing strings.	Column 2, lines 36-39; column 6, lines 12-15; column 8, lines 16-20; column 9, lines 10-18 and 26-34; column 14, lines 14-18; Figs. 1, 2
116. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step is performed by gravity.	Column 8, lines 16-20 and 48-62; column 9, lines 28-30 and 46-50; Fig. 1
117. The method of claim 106 wherein the operation comprises a process selected from the group consisting of perforating processes, packer setting processes, bridge plug setting processes, logging processes, inspection processes, chemical treating processes, casing patch processes, jet cutting processes and cleaning processes.	Column 2, lines 26-42; column 6, lines 2-6; column 8, lines 16-20; column 9, lines 46-67; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7; Figs. 1, 2
118. The method of claim 106 further comprises spacing the tool from the reader assembly by a selected distance.	
119. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step includes transporting a second tool, the method further comprising: controlling the operation of the second tool responsive to the reader assembly locating one of the plurality of radio identification devices which is at a depth in the well appropriate for conducting the operation of the second tool.	
120. The method of claim 119 wherein the tool and the second tool are initially attached to one another and separated between the one of the plurality of radio identification devices and the another of the plurality of the radio identification devices.	

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Claim	Specification Support in U.S. Patent No. 6,333,699
121. The method of claim 106 wherein the reader assembly comprises a radio frequency transmitter configured to provide a transmission signal for reception by the radio identification devices and a receiver configured to receive response signals from the radio identification devices.	Column 2, lines 33-36; column 8, lines 21, 22 and 48-62; column 9, lines 18-23; claims 1, 11; Figs. 1, 2
122. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool comprises a combination tool configured to perform multiple operations in the well.	Column 2, lines 33-36; column 8, lines 21, 22 and 48-62; column 9, lines 23-27 claims 1, 11; Figs. 1, 2
123. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step is performed by free falling the tool and the reader assembly through the plurality of tubular elements.	
124. The method of claim 105 further comprising establishing a record of the well using information obtained during the transportation of the reader assembly through the well.	Column 1, lines 20-23; column 2, lines 37-42; column 6, lines 15-26 and 53-65; column 9, lines 37-45; column 13, line 13 - column 14, line 7
125. A system for performing an operation in a well comprising:	Column 2, lines 26-28; column 8, lines 16-22; claims 1, 11
at least one tool configured for transport through a well;	
a plurality of radio identification devices located at spaced intervals	Column 1, lines 15-17; column 2, lines 29-32; column 6, lines 2-5 and 47-52; claim 11
at known depths in the well	Column 9, lines 46-67
and configured to transmit response signals for uniquely identifying each radio identification device and the depth thereof in the well; and	Column 2, lines 32 & 33; column 7, lines 8-13; column 9, line 46 - column 10, line 25
a reader assembly configured for receiving the response signals from the radio identification devices	Column 2, lines 33-36; column 6, lines 6-12; column 8, lines 21 & 22 and 48-62; column 9, lines 18-27; claims 1, 11; Figs. 1, 2
and for controlling the operation of the at least one tool at an appropriate depth in the well responsive to the response signals.	Column 6, lines 12-15 and 19-26; column 9, lines 18-27; column 9, line 46 - column 10, line 25; column 13, line 62 - column 14, line 7

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Claim	Specification Support in U.S. Patent No. 6,333,699
126. The system of claim 125 wherein a plurality of tubular elements are positioned in the well, the at least one tool is configured to be transported through the plurality of tubular elements, and each of the plurality of radio identification devices are secured to separate tubular elements within the well.	Column 8, lines 7-16; Figs. 1, 2
127. The system of claim 126 wherein the reader assembly is attached to the at least one tool	Column 8, lines 16-20; column 9, lines 46-50
128. The system of claim 126 further comprising a transport mechanism configured to move the at least one tool and the reader assembly through the well.	Column 6, lines 2-6, column 8, lines 22-26, column 9, lines 46-50
129. The system of claim 128 wherein said transport mechanism comprises a mechanism selected from the group consisting of wire lines, pumps, blowers, parachutes, coil tubing and tubing strings.	Column 6, lines 36-39; column 8, lines 12-15; column 9, lines 20; column 9, lines 10-18 and 26-34; column 14, lines 14-18; Figs. 1, 2
130. The system of claim 126 wherein said at least one tool is configured for transport through the plurality of tubular elements by gravity.	Column 6, lines 36-39; column 8, lines 12-15; column 9, lines 20; column 9, lines 10-18 and 26-34; column 14, lines 14-18; Figs. 1, 2
131. The system of claim 130 wherein said at least one tool is configured to free fall through the tubular elements.	Column 8, lines 16-20 and 48-62; column 9, lines 28-30 and 46-50; Fig. 1
132. The system of claim 126 wherein said reader assembly comprises a receiver configured to receive the response signals and a transmitter configured to transmit transmission signals to the plurality of radio identification devices.	Column 2, lines 33-36; column 8, lines 21, 22 and 48-62; column 9, lines 23-27 claims 1, 11; Figs. 1, 2
133. The system of claim 126 wherein the reader assembly further comprises a control circuitry or a computer.	Column 2, lines 33-36; column 8, lines 21, 22 and 48-62; column 9, lines 18-23; claims 1, 11; Figs. 1, 2
134. The system of claim 132 wherein the reader assembly is programmed to control the operation of the at least one tool in situ within the well.	Column 6, lines 12-15 and 19-26; column 9, lines 18-27; column 9, line 46 – column 10, line 25; column 13, line 62 – column 14, line 7

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135. The system of claim 126 wherein the reader assembly further comprises a controller at the surface.	Column 6, lines 19-26 and 53-59; column 6, line 66 – column 7, line 7; column 9, line 37 – column 10, line 25; Fig. 2
136. The system of claim 125 wherein the at least one tool is at least one perforating tool having at least one charge assembly.	Column 9, lines 46-67; column 13, line 55 – column 14, line 7; Figs. 1, 2
137. The system of claim 136 further comprising: a detonator in signal communication with the reader assembly and configured to detonate the at least one charge assembly.	
138. The system of claim 126 wherein adjacent tubular elements of said plurality of tubular elements are secured together by a collar which includes one of said plurality of radio identification devices.	Column 8, lines 7-12; Fig. 1 Column 8, lines 21-26; Fig. 1

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83. A method for actuating or installing downhole equipment in a wellbore, comprising the steps of:	Page 6, lines 19, lines 10-16; page 21, line 11; claims 18, 24, 38, 42, 50, 63, 70,
(a) providing, a first downhole structure	71, 73, 74; Figs. 3A & B, 7A & B
that comprises an RF identification transmitter unit	Page 6, line 29-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27; page 12, line 35 - page 13, line 11; page 13, line 35 - page 14, line 7; page 19, lines 30-32; page 21, lines 11 & 12; claims 24, 30, 36, 38, 42, 50, 64, 70, 71, 73; Fig. 3D
that stores an identification code	Page 6, line 33 - page 7, line 2; page 8, lines 23-26; page 13, lines 12-25; page 15, lines 4-13; page 10, line 28; claims 11, 36, 56; Figs. 2 and 4A
and transmits an RF signal corresponding to the identification code,	Page 7, lines 9-11; claims 24, 30, 42, 70, 73; Fig. 4A
wherein a plurality of first downhole structures	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 11, lines 21-37; page 19, lines 10-14
are located at different depths in a wellbore,	Page 6, line 35 - page 7, line 2; page 13, lines 19-22; page 15, lines 11-13; page 19, lines 14-16
each of the first downhole structures comprises a tubular member	Page 3, lines 27-29; page 11, lines 21-23; page 14, lines 2 & 3; page 19, lines 11-14; claim 63
having a hollow axial bore therethrough and the RF identification transmitter unit secured thereto;	Page 6, line 29-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27; page 12, line 35 - page 13, line 11; page 13, line 35 - page 14; line 7; page 19, lines 30-32; page 21, lines 11 & 12
(b) providing a second downhole structure	Page 8, lines 30 & 31; page 10, line 21; page 12, lines 6-26; page 21, lines 6-26; claims 11, 18, 36; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3E, 4A, 5A, 6A-D, 7A, 7B, 8A-C
that comprises an RF receiver unit,	Page 8, lines 30-36; page 10, lines 22 & 23; page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 3; page 21, lines 10 & 11; claims 4, 6, 24, 30
that can receive the signal transmitted by the identification transmitter unit,	Page 14, lines 15-17; page 15, lines 16 & 17; claims 6, 7, 39, 42, 45, 46, 56, 59, 65, 70, 73
decode the signal to determine the identification code corresponding thereto	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17

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and compare the identification code to a preset target identification code;	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-17
wherein one of the first downhole structure and the second downhole structure is secured at a given location in a subterranean wellbore, and the other is moveable in the wellbore;	Page 11, lines 11 & 12; page 19, lines 10 & 11; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C
(c) placing the second downhole structure in close enough proximity to the first downhole structure so that the RF receiver unit can receive the RF signal transmitted by the RF identification transmitter unit;	Page 10, lines 24 & 25 and 33 & 34; page 12, lines 11-13; page 18, line 23 - page 19, line 3; page 19; lines 30-32; page 20, lines 13 & 14; claims 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 28-30, 33, 34, 36, 42, 45, 50, 55, 58, 66-68, 70, 73; Figs. 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8A-C
(d) comparing the identification code determined by the RF receiver unit to the target identification code,	Page 6, lines 3-5; page 7, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 35 & 36; page 16, lines 6-11; page 20, lines 8-10; page 21, lines 23-28; claims 6, 18, 22, 36, 45, 50, 54
the determined identification code is used to determine the depth of the second downhole structure in the borehole; and	Page 5, lines 34-38; page 6, lines 8-10; page 7, lines 23-27 & 34-37; page 11, lines 1-3; page 16, lines 11-17; page 20, lines 26-31
(e) if the determined identification code matches the target identification code, actuating or installing one of the first downhole structure or second downhole structure in physical proximity to the other.	Page 7, lines 16-21; page 11, lines 1-3; page 16, lines 1-17; page 17, lines 8-15; page 21, lines 21-23; and 33-36; claims 6, 11, 24, 26, 36, 42, 45, 47, 56, 60, 61, 70, 72, 73; Fig. 2
84. The method of claim 83, wherein the plurality of tubular members are joints of completion tubing that are attached end to end.	Page 11, lines 21-25; 32-35
85. The method of claim 84, wherein each identification transmitter is secured near one end of the respective joint of completion tubing.	Page 11, lines 21-25; 32-35; Page 12, lines 35-38; Fig. 3D
86. The method of claim 83, wherein second downhole structure is a perforating gun,	Page 7, lines 20 & 21; page 12, lines 7 & 16-34; page 18, line 2 - page 19, line 3; page 21, line 3; claims 9, 10, 12, 24, 60 & 70; Figs. 3 A & 3B, 6A-D & 8A-C

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and the determined depth is used to determine when to fire the gun.	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 15, line 35 - page 16, line 17; page 21, line 33 - page 22, line 2; claims 9, 12, 26, 48 & 60; Figs. 3A & 3B, 6A-D & 8A-C
105. A method of performing a operation in a well comprising: transporting a tool and a reader assembly	<p>Page 5, lines 34-38; page 6, lines 13-15</p> <p>Page 8, line 30 - page 9, line 10; page 10, lines 21, 33 & 34; page 36, lines 9-11; Fig. 2</p>
through a well having a plurality of radio identification devices capable of transmitting a unique signal to identify each of the plurality of radio identification devices and the depth thereof in the well; and	<p>Page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27</p> <p>Page 7, lines 9-11; page 8, lines 23-26; page 13, lines 12-18; page 15, lines 4-14; page 17, line 36 - page 18, line 2</p>
controlling at least one operation of the tool responsive to the reader assembly locating one of the plurality of radio identification devices which is located at a depth in the well appropriate for conducting the at least one operation.	<p>Page 7, lines 27-30; page 8, lines 3-11; page 11, lines 1-3; page 36, lines 11-13</p>
106. The method of claim 105 wherein a plurality of tubular elements are positioned in the well	<p>Page 6, lines 24-28; page 11, lines 21-37; claim 63</p>
and the tool and the reader assembly are transported through the plurality of tubular elements	<p>Page 8, line 30 - page 9, line 10; page 10, lines 21, 33 & 34; page 36, lines 9-11; Fig. 2</p>
and each of the plurality of radio identification devices are secured to separate tubular elements.	<p>Page 6, lines 35-37; page 8, lines 21-23; page 13, line 35 - Page 14, line 7</p>
107. The method of claim 106 wherein the plurality of tubular elements define well casing.	<p>Page 11, lines 11, 12, and 21-37; claim 63</p>
108. The method of claim 106 wherein the controlling step is performed by transmitting a control signal from the reader assembly to the tool.	<p>Page 7, lines 16-19; page 8, lines 34-38; page 10, lines 30-32; page 11, lines 1-3; page 15, lines 22-25; page 16, lines 1-3; page 20, lines 6-18; page 21, lines 21-23 and 33-36; claims 11, 63; Fig. 2</p>
109. The method of claim 106 wherein the controlling step is performed dynamically as the tool is transported through the plurality of tubular elements.	<p>Page 8, lines 11-13; page 16, line 18 - page 17, line 5; page 20, lines 19-24; page 36, lines 16-18; claims 21, 27, 53</p>

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110. The method of claim 106 wherein the controlling step is performed statically by stopping the tool proximate to said one of the plurality of radio identification devices.	Page 8, lines 13 & 14; page 17, lines 6-15; page 20, lines 24-26; page 36, lines 18 & 19; claims 22, 54
111. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool is a perforating tool and the operation is a perforating operation.	Page 6, lines 23 & 24; page 7, lines 20 & 21; page 11, lines 7-10; page 12, lines 6-8; page 15, line 35 – page 17, line 5; page 20, line 34 – page 21, line 2; claims 9, 12, 24, 48, 60, 70; Figs. 2, 3B, 3C, 5A, 5B
112. The method of claim 110 wherein the controlling step includes detonating the perforating tool responsive to a control signal from the reader assembly.	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 16, lines 6-11 and 28-34; claims 26, 60, 70, 72
113. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool comprises a packer setting tool and the operation is setting of a packer element using the packer setting tool.	Page 7, lines 31-34; page 8, lines 16-20; page 19, line 4 – Page 20, line 33; claims 10, 13, 32, 49, 61, 73, 75; Figs. 7A, 7B, 8A, 8C
114. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool comprises a bridge plug setting tool and the operation is setting of a bridge plug using a bridge plug setting tool.	Page 7, lines 31-34; claim 35
115. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step is performed using a transport mechanism selected from the group consisting of wire lines, pumps, blowers, parachutes, coil tubing and tubing strings.	Page 7, lines 11-15, page 18, line 14 – page 19, line 33; claim 68
116. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step is performed by gravity.	Page 18, line 33 – page 19, line 3; page 21, lines 13-16; claims 16, 23, 55, 66
117. The method of claim 106 wherein the operation comprises a process selected from the group consisting of perforating processes, packer setting processes, bridge plug setting processes, logging processes, inspection processes, chemical treating processes, casing patch processes, jet cutting processes and cleaning processes.	Page 6, lines 15-20; page 7, lines 31-34; page 36, lines 13-16; claims 5, 17, 41
118. The method of claim 106 further comprises spacing the tool from the reader assembly by a selected distance.	Page 16, line 35 – page 17, line 5; page 20, lines 14-18; claims 25, 31; Figs. 5A, 5B

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119. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step includes transporting a second tool, the method further comprising: controlling the operation of the second tool responsive to the reader assembly locating one of the plurality of radio identification devices which is at a depth in the well appropriate for conducting the operation of the second tool.	Page 21, lines 10-16; claims 36, 42 Page 8, lines 14 & 15; page 21, line 17 – page 22, line 22; claims 36, 42
120. The method of claim 119 wherein the tool and the second tool are initially attached to one another and separated between the one of the plurality of radio identification devices and the another of the plurality of the radio identification devices.	Page 21, lines 28-30; claim 37; Figs. 8A, 8B, 8C
121. The method of claim 106 wherein the reader assembly comprises a radio frequency transmitter configured to provide a transmission signal for reception by the radio identification devices and a receiver configured to receive response signals from the radio identification devices.	Page 7, lines 6-8; page 14, lines 9-15 and 18-28; page 15, lines 14-16; claims 4, 7, 39, 46, 59, 65; Fig. 3E
122. The method of claim 106 wherein the tool comprises a combination tool configured to perform multiple operations in the well.	Page 7, lines 6-8; page 14, lines 11 & 12 and 15-17; page 15, lines 14-17; claims 4, 7, 39, 46, 59, 65; Fig. 3E Page 8, lines 15-20; page 21, lines 5-10; Figs. 8A-C
123. The method of claim 106 wherein the transporting step is performed by free falling the tool and the reader assembly through the plurality of tubular elements.	Page 7, lines 11-15; page 18, line 33 – page 19, line 3; claims 29, 34
124. The method of claim 105 further comprising establishing a record of the well using information obtained during the transportation of the reader assembly through the well.	Page 8, line 31 – page 9, line 4; page 15, lines 4-9; claim 52
125. A system for performing an operation in a well comprising: at least one tool configured for transport through a well;	Page 8, lines 30 & 31; page 10, lines 21, 33 & 34; page 36, lines 9-11; Fig. 2

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1. a plurality of radio identification devices located at spaced intervals at known depths in the well and configured to transmit response signals for uniquely identifying each radio identification device and the depth thereof in the well; and a reader assembly configured for receiving the response signals from the radio identification devices and for controlling the operation of the at least one tool at an appropriate depth in the well responsive to the response signals.	Page 6, lines 29-32; page 8, lines 21-23; page 10, lines 26 & 27; Page 6, line 35 – page 7, line 2; page 8, lines 23-26
2. The system of claim 125 wherein a plurality of tubular elements are positioned in the well, the at least one tool is configured to be transported through the plurality of tubular elements, and each of the plurality of radio identification devices are secured to separate tubular elements within the well.	Page 7, lines 9-11; page 8, lines 23-26; page 13, lines 12-18; page 15, lines 4-14; page 17, line 36 – page 18, line 2
3. The system of claim 125 wherein the reader assembly is attached to the at least one tool	Page 7, lines 6-8; page 14, lines 11 & 12 and 15-17; page 15, lines 14-17; claims 4, 7, 39, 46, 59, 65; Fig. 3E
4. The system of claim 126 wherein the reader assembly is attached to the at least one tool	Page 7, lines 16-21; page 10, lines 30-32; page 11, lines 1-3
5. The system of claim 125 wherein a plurality of tubular elements are positioned in the well, the at least one tool is configured to be transported through the plurality of tubular elements, and each of the plurality of radio identification devices are secured to separate tubular elements within the well.	Page 6, lines 24-28; page 11, lines 21-37; claim 63
6. The system of claim 126 further comprising a transport mechanism configured to move the at least one tool and the reader assembly through the well.	Page 8, line 30 – page 9, line 10; page 10, lines 21, 33 & 34; page 36, lines 9-11; Fig. 2
7. The system of claim 126 further comprising a transport mechanism selected from the group consisting of wire lines, pumps, blowers, parachutes, coil tubing and tubing strings.	Page 6, lines 35-37; page 8, lines 21-23; page 13, line 35 – Page 14, line 7
8. The system of claim 126 further comprising a transport mechanism configured to move the at least one tool and the reader assembly through the well.	Claims 44, 57, 63, 70, 73; Figs. 3A, 3B, 6 A-D, 8 A-C
9. The system of claim 126 further comprising a transport mechanism configured to move the at least one tool and the reader assembly through the well.	Page 7, lines 3-5 and 11-15; page 10, lines 24 & 25; page 12, lines 11-13; page 18, lines 14-17; page 19, lines 32-37; claims 23, 28, 33, 55, 58, 67, 70; Figs. 2, 6 A-D
10. The system of claim 126 wherein said transport mechanism comprises a mechanism selected from the group consisting of wire lines, pumps, blowers, parachutes, coil tubing and tubing strings.	Page 7, lines 11-15, page 18, line 14 – page 19, line 33; claim 68
11. The system of claim 126 wherein said at least one tool is configured for transport through the plurality of tubular elements by gravity.	Page 18, line 33 – page 19, line 3; page 21, lines 13-16; claims 16, 23, 55, 66
12. The system of claim 130 wherein said at least one tool is configured to free fall through the tubular elements.	Page 7, lines 11-15; page 18, line 33 – page 19, line 3; claims 29, 34

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132. The system of claim 126 wherein said reader assembly comprises a receiver configured to receive the response signals and a transmitter configured to transmit transmission signals to the plurality of radio identification devices.	Page 7, lines 6-8; page 14, lines 11 & 12 and 15-17; page 15, lines 14-17; claims 4, 7, 39, 46, 59, 65; Fig. 3E
133. The system of claim 126 wherein the reader assembly further comprises a control circuitry or a computer.	Page 7, lines 6-8; page 14, lines 9-15 and 18-28; page 15, lines 14-16; claims 4, 7, 39, 46, 59, 65; Fig. 3E
134. The system of claim 132 wherein the reader assembly is programmed to control the operation of the at least one tool in situ within the well.	Page 8, lines 7-11; page 8, line 36 – page 9, line 8; page 15, lines 26-34; page 15, line 37 – page 16, line 1; page 17, lines 16-19; page 18, lines 19-22; page 20, lines 26-33
135. The system of claim 126 wherein the reader assembly further comprises a controller at the surface.	Page 7, lines 23-30; page 8, lines 3-6 and 31-34; page 10, lines 30-32; page 11, lines 1-3; page 15, lines 19-25; page 15, line 35 – page 16, line 17; page 17, lines 8-15, page 20, lines 6-14; page 36, lines 11-13; claim 11; Fig. 2
136. The system of claim 125 wherein the at least one tool is at least one perforating tool having at least one charge assembly.	Page 8, lines 7-11; page 8, line 36 – page 9, line 8; page 15, lines 26-34; page 15, line 37 – page 16, line 1; page 17, lines 16-19; page 18, lines 19-22; page 20, lines 26-33
137. The system of claim 136 further comprising: a detonator in signal communication with the reader assembly and configured to detonate the at least one charge assembly.	Page 6, lines 23 & 24; page 7, lines 20 & 21; page 12, lines 6, 7 and 16-34; Figs. 3 A-C; 6 A-D; 8 A-C
138. The system of claim 126 wherein adjacent tubular elements of said plurality of tubular elements are secured together by a collar which includes one of said plurality of radio identification devices.	Page 11, lines 21-29; Figs. 3A, 3B, 3D
	Page 6, lines 31-33; page 8, lines 21-23; page 12, lines 8-11 and 35-38; page 19, lines 30-32; page 36, lines 21-23; Fig. 3D